(d) The Government has announced a number of measures in the Budget 2009-10 to revive the economy. These include a prominent thrust to the infrastructure sector through "takeout financing", Public Private Partnership (PPP) and removal of policy, regulatory and institutional bottlenecks in infrastructure projects. In addition, agricultural development is to be given a boost through increase in plan allocation, higher credit target and continued interest rates subvention. There is also focus on reviving the export and the MSME sector. These measures are in addition to the steps already taken in the previous fiscal stimulus packages in the form of tax relief and increased expenditure on public programmes to increase demand.

Revival of sick PSUs

*250. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of revival of sick Public Sector Units (PSUs) have been recommended by the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE);

(b) what is the total cost of revival in terms of waivers and fresh investments;

(c) how many cases out of such recommended cases, which have been accepted by Government; and

(d) what is the cost of revival in terms of waivers and fresh investments?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH): (a) Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has recommended revival of 55 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), upto 15.7.2009.

(b) The total cost of revival of 55 CPSEs amount to Rs. 33,150 crores as recommended by BRPSE (cash assistance of Rs. 5,168 crores in the form of infusion of funds and non-cash assistance of Rs. 27,982 crores in the form of waivers/write offs).

(c) The Government have accepted revival proposals of 35 CPSEs.

(d) The total cost of revival of 35 CPSEs amounts to Rs. 15,115 crores (cash assistance of Rs. 2,921 crores in the form of infusion of funds and non-cash assistance of Rs. 12,194 crores in the form of waivers/write offs.

Scam in NREGS

†*251. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scam amounting to crores of rupees has been unearthed under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to curb it and the action being taken against the guilty; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. No such scam has been brought to the notice of the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Miscellaneous development charges at airports

*252. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers are being put to hardships by way of levying Airport Development Fees and User Development Fees; and

(b) whether Government is considering to withdraw such charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. User Development Fee (UDF) at Bangalore International Airport, Devanahalli and Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad has been levied purely on *ad-hoc* basis as per the provisions of Concession Agreement entered by Government of India with Joint Venture Companies to meet the revenue gap.

Keeping in view the paramount importance of completion of the modernisation of airports at Delhi and Mumbai in a time bound manner, Development Fee (DF) has been levied as per the provisions of Article 22A of Airports Authority of India Act, 1994 purely on *ad-hoc* basis for a period of 36 months and 48 months respectively to bridge the funding gap.

(b) No, Sir.

Pendency in the disposal of income tax returns

*253. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the disposal of income tax returns, heavy pendency is reported;

(b) whether there is a system of periodical special drives for speedy disposal of these cases; and

(c) whether there will be a different approach to quicken the process?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a pendency of 2,35,74,618 income-tax returns for processing u/s 143(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, as on 1.4.2009.

(b) There is no practice of periodical special drives for speedy disposal of returns. The processing of income tax returns u/s 143(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, is a continuous ongoing activity, which is regularly monitored at all levels through monthly reports.